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The Wet Process of Preparing Asbestos Fibres

For many months experiments have been carried on by Samuel H. Dolbear looking toward the recovering of asbestos fibre from the rock by a wet process, in fact Mr. Dolbear began his research work about 1920.

A testing plant (the building to the left in the above illustration) was erected in 1922, near the mill owned by the Bennett-Martin Asbestos and Chrome Company, Thetford, Mr. Dolbear having formed a company known as Selective Treatment Limited. (The advertisement of Selective Treatment Limited will be noted on another page of this issue).

Mr. Dolbear claims that his process will remove fibres with less bruising and breaking than if the ordinary dry treatment is used.

Of course there are many things to be worked out when a new process is to be tried, and cost is always an important factor, particularly as compared with the benefits gained, but Mr. Dolbear claims that his cost of treatment will be lower, the value of recovered fibre much higher, and the quantity of fibre double that obtained by ordinary methods.

Asbestos Corrugated Sheathing

The Permanent and Non-Combustible Building Material—
Its Composition and Manufacture

Portland, or hydraulic cement is permanent, insoluble, weather and fire resisting, but due to its low tensile strength it has been widely used only when reinforced or in massive construction. Layers, sheets or plates of cement must necessarily be reinforced, but metallic reinforcement is not practicable for thin sheets, as water and air will somewhere come in contact with and corrode the iron or steel.

In seeking to adapt hydraulic cement to the formation of light sheets or slabs for building purposes, Ludwig Hatschek, an Austrian asbestos worker, hit upon the idea of using asbestos fibre as the reinforcing material. His patents are now worked extensively in all civilized countries, the Hatschek plants in Austria alone turning out each year more than one hundred million square feet of this asbestos concrete roofing material.

Process of Manufacture.

Hatschek's method for incorporating the asbestos reinforcement is the important feature of this process. The ordinary method of mixing the material dry and adding water afterward does not give the desired results, as the immediate effect of a small amount of water is, by the action of surface tension, to draw the asbestos aggregate and the cement particles together into groups or balls. The cement is thus prevented from reaching all the fibres and the cement particles themselves become coated and compacted into small masses, excluding all but a very small percentage of water from between the particles, while a highly supersaturated gelatinous layer is formed of the more accessible portions of the cement on the outside. The imperfectly wetted mixture therefore comes to consist mainly of unhydrated cement bound together by a net work of more or less perfectly hydrated cement "gels." As stated by Mr. Nathan C. Johnson, the cement expert, mixing with a limited amount of water produces a "colloidal boundary" which, entirely surrounding such masses, operates to pre-

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vent further hydrating by reason of its constituting an impervious envelope or skin thru which water cannot pass. The close grouping thus produced admits of the presence of only a small quantity of water between the particles, far too little to satisfy the chemical and physical requirements of the cement, and further water attach is prevented by the colloid envelope.

The difficulties just described are effectively overcome in Hatschek's process. Hydraulic cement of a high and uniform grade is first thoroly mixed with water and as-

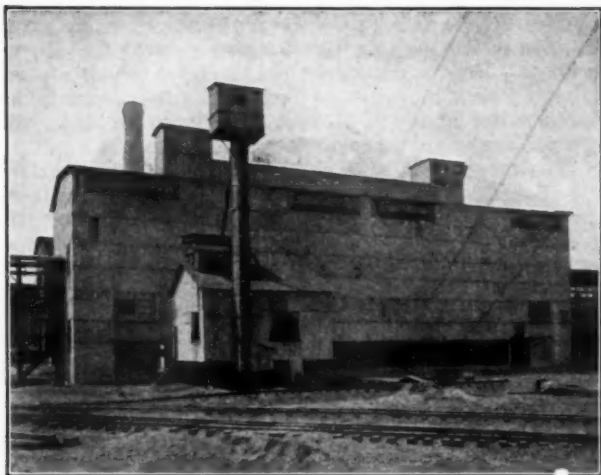


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bestos fibre of the chrysotile variety, in a beating engine, similar to that employed in the manufacture of paper pulp. The prolonged, vigorous mixing and agitation to which the materials are here subjected results in the formation of a uniform pulp, having the properties of a colloidal diffusion. One of these properties is that the small solid particles will remain in suspension more or less indefinitely. The hy-

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draulic cement of the mixture seems to swell up, taking the appearance of a colloidal, soft, gluey or pastelike mass, which can undergo the subsequent working on a millboard machine without setting or hardening. There is no separation of the cement, even when the material is finally subjected to very high pressure, at which time only clear water escapes.

From the beating engine, the material passes directly to the vat of a modified millboard or paper machine, where it is kept in a state of agitation until picked up by a fine wire screen mounted on a rotating cylinder, from which it is passed by an endless felt belt to a second rotating cylinder upon which the thin layers accumulate to the desired thickness. Due to the numerous layers of which a sheet is thus formed, the asbestos fibres cross each other in all directions but mainly in planes parallel with the sheet, giving a texture of great homogeneity and toughness.

The material is then cut across and removed in the form of sheets which are piled one upon another and placed between a pair of metallic plates, after which they are subjected to great pressure while the hydraulic cement is still in a colloidal condition, thus firmly cementing each fibre of asbestos with the cement colloids and forming a homogeneous sheet which cannot subsequently be split apart.

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EDITORIALS

"Something Must Be Done."

We talk to an asbestos mine operator and the gist of his conversation is that "something must be done;" we meet a manufacturer of asbestos textiles and his cry is the same; we correspond with a broker and again we hear "something must be done."

It is therefore evident that something *must* be done to better conditions in the asbestos industry, but it is equally as evident that no one has a very clear idea of just what it is or how to go about doing it.

Let us eliminate the unknown factors of the problem, get down to the known, and endeavor to find some sort of an answer.

The first question is, naturally, "Who is to do the something?" It is assuredly a matter that cannot be shifted from the shoulders of one person to another; it is, in fact, too heavy a burden for any one individual, or any one firm, or any one group even, to carry alone.

Whatever is to be done must be done by ALL.

And remember, in considering the problem, that some are in Canada, some in the West, some in the East, others in the South, so scattered that many in the industry do not see others from one year's end to another.

The second conclusion therefore is that in some manner or other the various individuals and companies and groups must *get together*, so that arguments and criticisms may be freely discussed, freely pulled apart and put together again.

But no matter how often nor how long they are together, there may still be something lacking, for if one or two, or a few, refuse to play ball, they will not only clog the wheels of progress in the industry but do a vastly greater harm to their own individual interests.

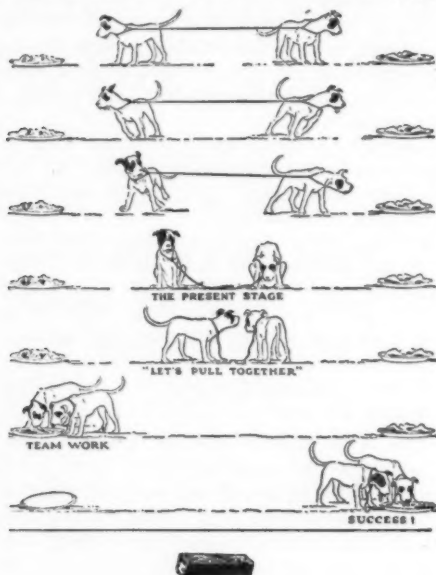
What is needed is real, honest-to-goodness co-operation, each man having an honest determination that he will for once at least cast aside his own personal prejudices and vanities, likes and dislikes, and make a real effort to work with others in an effort to better existing conditions.

Can there be any harm in getting together, either as

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groups or as the industry as a whole?

And might not a meeting of all serve as an entering wedge to pry apart the various unsatisfactory factors, and put them together again in a more satisfactory pattern?



Why Not?

Recently we chanced on an article describing the Rubber Restriction Scheme, and, having a leisure hour on our hands to dispose of, sat down with the idea of learning what it was all about.

* This scheme, commonly known as the Stevenson Plan, which was adopted by Great Britain during November 1922, was the result of urgent solicitation on the part of the Rubber Growers' Association, and for the protection of the rubber growers.

Before this plan was adopted, the rubber growers found their industry in a very grave condition. Prices were very low and continued dropping. Altho the growers

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made heroic efforts to cut producing cost (and did cut it about in half owing to the rather extravagant producing operations they had used) they still found themselves deprived of any real profit.

It was when things were going from bad to worse that the rubber growers worked out, proposed and finally were successful in having adopted the Rubber Restriction Plan.

For the information of our readers who are not familiar with this rubber restriction plan, we will give a brief outline, and ask that you read it carefully. The plan, or law, provided first of all for a limitation of raw rubber exports from the Federated Malay States and Ceylon to 60% of a figure arbitrarily adopted as "standard production," this figure being the approximate output for the year 1920. Then the law imposed an export tax of 1d. per pound on each pound of rubber exported within the allowable export limit, *provided* the price of spot standard rubber in London averaged 1s. 3d. per pound during each three months period. If the London price averaged 1s. 3d. or better during any quarter, the law provided for a lifting of the exportable percentage allowance by 5%, and so on for each increase in the average price by 3d. for any quarter. Should the price average less than 1s. 3d. per pound for any given quarter, the allowable percentage was to be reduced by 5% for every 3d. of decline. Thus 1s. 3d. was the base price at 60%. In the event any exporter shipped in excess of his proportion of the exportable allowance, he would be taxed an additional 1d. on his total exports for each 5% above his quota.

The plan is still in operation. It was, and still is, subject to a great deal of criticism, but that is only natural.

Contrary to expectations the operation of the plan did not cause the price to wildly jump, but it did increase the price sufficiently that a large number of the rubber companies have been able to resume the payment of dividends. In fact, the actual working out of the plan has disproved many of the adverse prophecies made when it was first proposed and everyone seems fairly well satisfied.

The asbestos industry is in at least one respect similar to that of rubber—in that practically all worth-while deposits of the mineral, with the exception of Russia and

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Arizona, are situated in British territory, and controlled by British law.

During the war years, Canada collected vast sums from the Canadian asbestos producers, in the shape of royalty tax, income and profits taxes. Consider that her royalty tax percentage has been cut in half; that at the same time the dollars and cents value of her exports of asbestos have decreased tremendously; that none of the Canadian mines are at present making any money, which means a big drop in income and profits taxes; and it does not take long to come to the conclusion that Canada is losing thousands of dollars yearly in the shape of taxes from asbestos producers.

Consider further that Great Britain must be sustaining similar losses, altho in smaller amount, from the African asbestos mines, and the next step is to wonder if a suggestion enabling the asbestos mining industry to operate on a profitable basis, would not be received with some enthusiasm.

Why not?

Mr. A. S. BESTOS SAYS:-

I have just placed orders for 1924 (on manufactured asbestos goods) at prices so low that I did not believe such prices obtainable.

If there is any way that prices could be stabilized it would help the asbestos business considerably.

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While in operation the boiler has been carefully watched and improvements made, most of which still further increase its efficiency. Also, due to experimentation on this Hartford boiler, there will soon be perfected a boiler which will require just half the amount of mercury used in the present one.

The mercury used in the Hartford boiler cost about \$16,000. It is, however, used over and over again, and need never be replaced.

Of course \$16,000, or even half of that, sounds like a lot of money, but the sum sinks into insignificance when we learn that the officials of the Hartford Electric Company expect their coal bill to be cut in half by the installation of this boiler, and their coal bill in 1922 was about \$1,500,000.00—meaning that they will save the cost of the mercury in just about eight days.

Another interesting point is that to install one of these mercury boilers in any power plant, only alteration or redesigning will be necessary, and not the scrapping of old equipment.

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The development of an asbestos yarn which contains absolutely no cotton, is rapidly nearing completion.

The yarn, which is suitable for the making of brake lining and other woven products, is being developed by the Worldbestos Corporation, 52 Vanderbilt avenue, New York City.

The new yarn is said to have a tensile strength equal to ordinary asbestos yarn, and has the added advantage of being almost entirely free from dust during the weaving process.

Added to this is the fact that the cost of this 100% asbestos yarn compares very favorably with the cost of ordinary yarn with cotton.

The yarn is being successfully woven at the present and when woven packs into a solid mass. Tests of the finished brake lining made with this yarn are not quite completed, but every indication points to favorable results and it is believed that the lining will in every way meet the requirement of car manufacturers and car owners.

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MARKET CONDITIONS

Our impressions of the market situation seem to consist of a conglomerate mass of ideas and opinions, gleaned from talking and corresponding with heads of asbestos firms. To sort these ideas into anything like order and present them to our readers is rather a large task.

Raw Material.

Among all the views presented on the rather adverse conditions existing practically in all lines, particularly so far as price is concerned, the dominant thought seems to be, either expressed or implied, that improvement, to be real improvement, must start with the mine operators, and that if started rightly and carried out effectively by the operators, will result in better conditions all along the line.

As one manufacturer remarked the other day, when raw material was high the manufacturers could and did make a profit; now, when raw material is low, they do well if they come out without a loss—a statement which is according to facts, however paradoxical it may seem.

And this manufacturer evidently figures that if raw material increases in price, the profit to the manufacturer will ensue, which is at least a logical conclusion.

Therefore mine operators, it seems to be up to you!

Textiles

One seller reports cloth consumption for December normal, but the packing and gasket business in a deplorable condition, and his comments on yarn are identical with those of other manufacturers with whom we have talked, viz.: the yarns being bought today are for brake lining purposes only.

Perhaps if the textile manufacturers set about trying to answer the question "Why is there no asbestos yarn business?" they could get to the root of at least one of their troubles. Is it a case of substitution, improved methods of manufacture where yarn is not required, or what is the reason?

The market on asbestos tapes (listing) is reported as being fair as to demand, but the manufacturing plants are

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all so hungry for business that they are cutting each others throats to take it.

Summing it up, one of our correspondents, F. S. Hirschfeld, of the Standard Asbestos Company, says:

We believe that the asbestos stocks in general all over the country, have run to such a low level, that people will have to come into the market and buy, as most of the war material, which has been a disturbing factor in the trade, has by this time been consumed. Let us hope for the best.

Brake Lining.

More brake lining has been sold in 1923 than in any other year in the history of the industry. Of course the unprecedented increase in automobile production has been chiefly responsible, but we think at least some portion may be attributed to the brake inspection campaigns staged so successfully in many cities.

At the beginning of the new year, however, we hear rumors of a drastic cut on the part of one of the larger manufacturers. When prices are already at such a low level, it is simply beyond us to form any opinion as to the reason for a further cut.

Insulation.

From all indications I do not believe that the asbestos business will be as good in 1924 as it was in 1923. By that I mean I do not believe there will be as much material used.—John R. Livezey, Philadelphia.

The insulation market is always very active at this time of year, and 1923-1924 seems to be no exception. Prices are still low, however, and competition keen.

We were rather surprised to note from Dodge reports that while the value of contracts awarded during November fell off considerably in the aggregate (November figures being about \$51,000,000 lower than October) the value of contracts for industrial buildings (which was the only division showing an increase) actually showed an increase in November over October of \$11,000,000. If this is any indication of the trend, it should mean good business for high pressure insulations.

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ket is active, so long will the paper market continue busy.

Millboard cannot be figured with quite such exactitude, but the volume appears to run about the same from month to month, with no startling variations.

Prices in either line are not remarkable.

Summary.

Every comment on general business conditions that we have thus far seen—Forbes, Moody, Industrial Digest, etc., agree that business conditions have been good in 1923 and will go steadily forward in 1924, this despite the real or fancied bugaboo of presidential year. Asbestos always reacts to general business conditions even tho more slowly than other lines, and we are inclined to agree with Mr. Launt Lindsay, of the Lindsay Asbestos Products Company, a distributor in Rochester, N. Y., who says:

I believe that in the coming months the business will be there for those who go after it.

It may be hard going, however.

As One Mine Operator Sees It

STATEMENT WRITTEN ESPECIALLY FOR "ASBESTOS"

In response to your query as to my views concerning the immediate future of the asbestos market, I would say that one man's guess is as good as another's, but I do not see any prospect of any particular change in the prices for the crude material, as long as producers seem content to mine more asbestos than the market will absorb. As the Queen of producers, Canada has, as you know, been dethroned, and the sceptre governing production and prices has passed to South Africa, while Cyprus under astute management may become a close second. The future asbestos market might be epitomized by saying that owing to World War discoveries, what was formerly a Canadian monopoly is now a world wide competitive business, which forever precludes extreme prices from again ruling the asbestos market.

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The new year 1924 shows the association in splendid fighting trim, with the addition of four firms to its membership list. The new members are Johns-Manville, Inc., of New York City; Multibestos Company of Walpole, Mass.; Asbestos Spinning & Weaving Corporation of Waterford, N. Y., and the Palmer Asbestos & Rubber Corporation of Chicago, Ill.

The request for election to membership by these four manufacturers after a year's work has been done, is especially significant, because they have been watching the plans being formulated and carried out from the standpoint of the outsider, and it is, of course, quite unnecessary to say that they were favorably impressed with the work—else they would not have applied for membership.

During 1924 the brake liners will continue to support heartily the national brake inspection movement.

The Traffic Planning and Safety Committee of the Automobile Chamber of Commerce announces that a program has been formulated for 1924 which promises to reduce highway accidents, the program including an attack on the causes of accidents. The first step of the committee is the planning of a nationwide research to determine the major causes. When these are determined, vigorous effort will be made toward the adoption of remedies.

The work of the Asbestos Brake Lining Association will dovetail in very nicely with this proposed campaign.

In our opinion every branch of the asbestos industry should be organized to carry on co-operative work. Many would benefit from an advertising campaign; others could

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carry on equally profitable activities at an infinitesimal cost per manufacturer. But no matter what the work done, the mere keeping in touch, one manufacturer with the other in the several lines, helps to promote friendly feeling which benefits all individually and the industry as a whole.

1923 Automobile Facts and Figures

As Supplied By the National Automobile Chamber of
Commerce

Production of Cars and Trucks in U. S. A., 1923.	4,014,000
Production of Cars.....	3,644,000
Production of Trucks.....	370,000
1922 Production, Cars and Trucks	2,659,064
Wholesale Value Cars and Trucks	
Produced in 1923	\$2,510,885,000
Tire Production	45,000,000
Purchasing Power of Automobile Dollar in 1923..	111 cts.
Number Persons Employed in Motor Vehicle	
and Allied Trades	2,750,000
Motor Vehicles Registered in U. S. A.	
1923 (approx.)	14,500,000
World Registration of Motor Vehicles in 1923..	17,000,000
Gasoline Consumed By Motor Vehicles	
1923 in U. S. A.	5,404,184,000 gals.
Total Number Car and Truck Dealers	43,607
Number Public Garages	50,911
Service Stations and Repair Shops	67,802
Supply Stores	65,988

Paul Hammerich

Inspector of Asbestos, Crude and
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Production Statistics

Canada

Estimated production of Canada during 1923 is 205,000 tons, valued at \$7,400,000.

Production during 1922 amounted to 136,706 tons, valued at \$5,552,723.

Rhodesia.

September production in Rhodesia showed 42 tons increase over August, total figure being 2062 tons, against the August figures of 2020. The detailed figures follow:

Bulawayo District:

	Tons	Value
Birthday (Willoughby's Consolidated Co. Ltd.) adjust. Mar.-Nov. 1922 .. .. .	..	£ 5,403
Nil Desperandum (Afr. Asb. Min. Co., Ltd.)	687	13,737
Pangani (J. S. Hancock)	31	368
Shabanie (Rhod. & Gen. Asb. Corp. Ltd.)..	735	18,364

Victoria District:

Balmain (Afr. Asb. Min. Co. Ltd.)	46	918
D. S. O. (Geo. King) July	12	43
D. S. O. (Geo. King) August	25	88
D. S. O. (Geo. King) September	20	71
Gath's (R. & Gen. Asb. Corp. Ltd.)	345	8,627
King (Rhod. King Asb. Co. Ltd.)	161	3,225
	2,062	£50,844

Union of South Africa.

Asbestos production in the Union during September showed an increase over August. September production was:

	Tons	Value
Transvaal	329	£6,071
Cape	338	4,461
	667	£10,532

while that in August amounted to 634 tons, valued at £10,381.

Asbestos manufacturers should not forget that the Bureau of the Census desires quick action on the forms issued by them on January 2nd in their effort to compile a census of manufacturers.

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Imports and Exports of Asbestos

Imports into U. S. A.

Unmanufactured Asbestos—

	October 1923		September 1923	
	Tons	Value	Tons	Value
Germany .....	....	41.00	....	.....
England	5	1,137.00	96	\$16,841.00
Canada	20,208	646,800.00	17,425	551,250.00
Brit. S. Africa ...	20	5,052.00	....	.....
Port. E. Africa ...	274	69,000.00	225	63,432.00
Italy .....	...	....	...	55.00
Brazil .....	....	....	...	43.00
	20,507	\$722,030.00	17,746	\$631,621.00

Manufactured Asbestos—

	October 1923		September 1923	
	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value
Belgium	184,820	\$4,118.00	1,500,748	\$26,685.00
France	54,513	2,202.00	4,000	523.00
Germany	811	150.00	185,655	3,726.00
England	19,989	8,432.00	10,503	4,175.00
Canada	40,803	1,137.00	2,765	355.00
Austria .....	.....	....	2,004	463.00
Netherlands ...	.....	....	3,415	80.00
	300,936	\$16,039.00	1,709,090	\$36,007.00

A comparison of the above figures with those for September proved so interesting that we decided to print the two side by side and let our readers draw their own conclusions.

Exports From the U. S. A.

Exports of unmanufactured asbestos for the month of September totalled 148 tons, valued at \$7,825.

Exports of manufactured asbestos goods:

	Lbs.	Value
Paper, Millboard & Rollboard	223,819	\$11,697.00
Pipe Covering and Cement	651,290	45,805.00
Textiles, Yarn and Packing	93,305	66,653.00
Magnesia & Manufactures of	392,555	27,836.00
Roofing	8,063 sq.	24,304.00
Other Manufactures Asbestos	212,591	64,509.00
		\$240,804.00

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Exports from Canada (Raw Asbestos).

	September 1923		September 1922	
	Tons	Value	Tons	Value
United Kingdom ...	360	\$19,275.00	153	\$13,390.00
United States	9,938	446,032.00	8,907	525,762.00
Australia	50	3,000.00	....	.....
Austria .....	....	.....	....	.....
Belgium	305	19,800.00	335	20,353.00
France	310	18,890.00	381	30,862.00
Germany	428	41,400.00	103	11,960.00
Italy	160	15,200.00	89	5,115.00
Japan	180	13,675.00	385	23,812.00
Netherlands .....	....	.....	....	.....
Spain .....	....	.....	....	.....
Switzerland .....	....	.....	....	.....
Other Countries .....	....	.....	....	.....
Total	11,731	\$577,272.00	10,353	\$631,754.00

Sand and Waste—

United Kingdom ...	230	3,910.00	17	153.00
United States	6,145	74,093.00	6,680	60,662.00
Other Countries	90	1,800.00	30	270.00
Grand Total ...	18,196	\$657,075.00	17,080	\$629,839.00

Imports by England.

During October, England imported the following raw material (including asbestic):

	October	
	Tons	Value
From Rhodesia	429	£12,645
From Canada	388	4,027
From Other Countries	308	6,037
	1,125	£22,709

Re-exports	290	£10,203
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These imports include no material from Russia, according to the report of the Custom House Statistical Office at London.

Exports by England.

Manufactured Asbestos—

	October	
	Tons	Value
To Netherlands	19	£2,950
To France	35	10,928
To United States	15	5,448
To British India	107	8,446
To Other Countries	1,512	65,847
	1,688	£93,619

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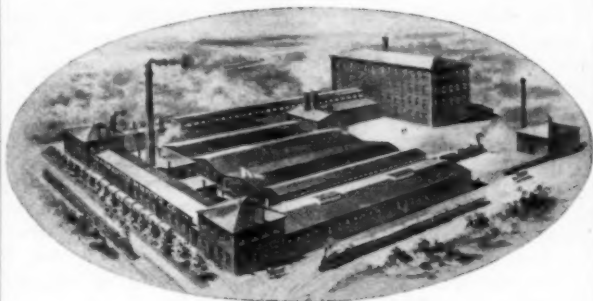
EXPORTS OF ASBESTOS MANUFACTURES BY ENGLAND*

	1920 Tons	1921 Tons	1922 Tons
Russia	159	8	3
Sweden	574	311	262
Norway	447	100	87
Denmark	307	137	117
Germany	211	20	30
Netherlands	825	366	288
Java	233	34	43
Belgium	481	214	340
France	1,274	265	243
Switzerland	84	11	4
Portugal	142	68	83
Portuguese East Africa	290	133	37
Spain	342	127	273
Italy	505	61	106
Turkey	210	9	8
Persia	112	101	542
China	763	373	638
Japan	583	173	207
U. S. A.	911	328	100
Cuba	657	364	7
Mexico	302	341	123
Chile	285	59	47
Brazil	264	52	134
Uruguay	99	23	4
Argentine	440	266	149
Other Foreign Countries	837	289	380
Total to Foreign Countries...	11,337	4,233	4,255
Egypt	1,117	300	133
Gold Coast	177	466	115
Nigeria	392	383	726
Cape of Good Hope	437	288	246
Natal	927	522	286
Transvaal	507	4	97
Mauritius	78	274	117
British India	2,215	1,013	1,505
Straits Settlements	343	802	110
Ceylon	153	14	23
Hong Kong	277	287	381
Australia	1,247	394	257
New Zealand	1,687	499	618
Canada	232	155	275
Other British Possessions	817	512	456
Total to British Possessions..	10,606	5,913	5,345
Total	21,943	10,146	9,600

Total Value (All Exports) ... £1,869,163 £881,228 £762,009

* From India Rubber Journal.

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The Bureau of Standards recently completed two tests on asbestos theatre curtains of ordinary manufacture, and found that (1) a single thickness of asbestos cloth does not afford sufficient protection against glow on the face; (2) asbestos cloth without wire reinforcement, when subjected to the temperature of a moderate fire, becomes quite brittle and does not have sufficient strength for the service required of it; (3) the usual methods employed for hanging and operating asbestos cloth curtains do not afford security against the passage of flame and smoke around the sides; (4) where there is a small difference in the pressures on the two sides of the curtain, operation becomes difficult and uncertain, sometimes impossible.

A third test was then made on a specially designed asbestos cloth curtain intended to overcome the shortcomings above mentioned. This curtain was of two-ply construction with the lateral edges supported by rigid members mounted on trolley wheels within an enclosed track which is intended to reduce friction and at the same time prevent the passage of smoke and flame around the edges.

While no official report of the third test has been received we have learned that the specially designed curtain stood up well, and are informed that at least two of these curtains have been installed. The first one was installed in Philadelphia, and the asbestos materials in its make-up were furnished by the Keasbey & Mattison Company; the second one was used in a theatre in Columbus, Ohio, and the asbestos materials furnished by the Standard Asbestos Company of New York City. In both cases the iron work for curtain and installation was furnished by Peter Clark, Inc., New York City.

The findings of the Bureau of Standards may result in more rigid rulings governing asbestos theatre curtains and their installation in the various states and municipalities.

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NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY

The Asbestos Corporation of Canada has passed the common dividend due December 15. In September, the rate of dividend on common stock was reduced from 1½% to 1%.

Regular quarterly dividend of 1½% on the preferred stock has been declared, this payable January 15th to holders of record January 2nd.

Albert Freedman, who represents Consolidated Asbestos Limited in Belgium, has moved his offices from 86 Rue de Witte, Berchem, to 44 Vielle Bourse, Antwerp.

The Boston office of the Norristown Magnesite and Asbestos Company has moved to 473-81 Atlantic avenue, Boston, where they have leased the entire building, comprising 32,000 feet of floor space. Their former address was 23 Lewis Wharf.

The Standard Asbestos Company of New York City, are presenting to their customers a pamphlet containing the story by Stephen Leacock, entitled "The Man in Asbestos."

A very attractive memorandum pad is being distributed to customers by Asbestos Limited of New York City.

John R. Livezey's office has recently put out a very attractive folder under the title "The Livezey Line."

"Asbestine as a Filler in the Rubber Industry" is the title of an article appearing in the December 1st issue of the India-Rubber Journal.

The Union Asbestos and Rubber Company of Chicago, has purchased property on Fifty-fourth avenue in that city, and will erect a one story factory containing 25,000 feet of floor space at a cost of \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Mr. James Gow of Cape Asbestos Company, London, who has been spending some time in the States, sailed on December 22nd, for England.

Hearty congratulations and good wishes are extended this month to the following gentlemen: Robert A. Keasbey, President, R. A. Keasbey Company, New York City, birthday, January 16th; G. D. Crabbs, President, Philip Carey Company, Cincinnati, birthday January 22nd; C. B. Jenkins, Jr., Vice President and Sales Manager, General Asbestos and Rubber Company, Charleston, birthday January 28th; C. J. Stover, President Consolidated Asbestos Limited, Montreal, birthday January 29th; Benj. T. Conwell, Jr., Vice President, American Insulation Company, Philadelphia, birthday February 3rd; Sir Mortimer B. Davis, Chairman of the Board, Consolidated Asbestos Limited, Montreal, birthday February 6th; and Robert M. Waples, Vice President and Manager of Crandall Packing Company, Palmyra, N. Y., birthday, February 11th.

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Tropische Und Ueberseeische Rohprodukten, Aktiengesellschaft, (Tropical and Oversea's Raw-Product Company, Ltd.) located at Alsterdamm 7, Hamburg, 1. Germany, has recently taken over the business of Messrs. Gebruder Ritter and Company of that city, and will continue it as heretofore.

Many thanks are extended by "ASBESTOS" for the attractive calendars received from the Ehret Magnesite Manufacturing Company, of Valley Forge, Pa., the Asbestos and Mineral Corporation of New York City, the American Asbestos Company of Norristown, and Smith & Kanzler of Elizabeth, N. J.

C. Huber, President of the Asbestos Fibre Spinning Company, North Wales, is wintering in Miami, Florida.

"Why Not Install a New Car on My Brake Lining?" is the forceful headline of an advertisement appearing in the December 27th (Show Number) issue of Motor World. It advertises Testes Brake Lining manufactured by the American Asbestos Company, of Norristown.

Henry L. Grund has purchased from R. C. Krause, Mr. Krause's interest in the firm of Grund & Krause, and as of January 1st, the business will be conducted under the name of Henry L. Grund Company, with offices at 416 Bulkley Building, Cleveland. The Henry L. Grund Company will in the future, as Grund & Krause did in the past, represent Consolidated Asbestos Limited in the sale of asbestos crudes and fibres.

The United Asbestos Corporation has recently been established, with office at 108 Massachusetts avenue, Boston, Mass., but at time of going to press no details of the organization or its intended operations are available. We hope to supply full information in February.

The Asbestos Covering & Textile Company has just been organized by W. N. Bolster, with offices at 66 Batterymarch street, Boston. The new company succeeds the Asbestos Covering & Supply Company which latter was dissolved during December. It will be remembered that the latter company acted as distributors for the United States Asbestos Company at Mannheim, and Mr. Bolster will carry on the business under the new name.

The Bowman Asbestos Mines located in the Laurentian Mountains, Province of Quebec, Canada, have recently been opened up and during exploration work about 12,000 pounds of very fine Crude Asbestos has been recovered. E. D. O. Bowman, M. Sc., Ph. D., of the firm of Bowman, Fragasso & Company, mining, metallurgical, chemical and industrial engineers, is principally interested in this deposit and claims that he has invented a special cobbing machine which will produce 100% asbestos value in all crudes.

Samples of the material are on file in the office of "ASBESTOS" and indicate a most excellent grade of chrysotile crude, the fibres when opened up being long, silky and strong. We will

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gladly supply a small sample of the material to anyone interested. We are informed that the deposit contains no mill rock.

Mr. Bowman also claims the invention of a process for the utilization of very short shingle and paper stock in the spinning of yarns, without the addition of cotton or other similar material.

The New England Asbestos Company, Inc., of Boston, Mass., announce that owing to increased volume of business they have secured additional quarters at 45 Commercial Wharf, their office and shipping department being located at that address. Their factory is located at 37 Wareham street.

Mr. F. F. Turner has severed his connection as General Manager of the **American Insulation Company**, Philadelphia, effective January 1st, 1924. Previous to joining the American Insulation Company about a year ago, Mr. Turner was for many years manager of the Keasbey & Mattison Company's Philadelphia branch.

Statements appearing in the South African Mining Journal and elsewhere to the effect that the **Cape Asbestos Company** had closed down a section of their mines may have left some of our readers under a wrong impression. The closing down of the mines referred to was due entirely to the expiration of leases, other properties having been secured to take their places. At the present time all the properties owned or controlled by the Cape Asbestos Company are being worked at full pressure.

Mrs. W. R. Leventritt was operated on at the Roosevelt Hospital, Thursday, January 10th, by Dr. Erdman, and is in a serious condition.

It is reported that the **Bennett-Martin Asbestos and Chrome Mines** on Wednesday, January 9, in the city of Quebec made voluntary assignment to creditors, preliminary to the appointment of a liquidator which, in Canada, is the same as a receivership in the States.

Mapleleaf Asbestos Corporation Limited is distributing a blotter illustrating its mill at Thetford.

Circular issued by the secretary of the **Rhodesia Exploration Company Limited**, to the shareholders, in advance of the annual meeting contains the following comments: "During the past few months the asbestos markets have been exceedingly dull, owing principally to the large stocks of crude fibre held by the manufacturers in this country (England) and to the adverse rates of exchange precluding continental buyers from placing contracts in advance. To avoid accumulating large stocks of fibre, both at the mines and in London, milling has been temporarily suspended and the opportunity taken to install additional and more up-to-date plant whereby the dressing of our fibre will be considerably improved and thus command a higher price in competition with other producers of both Rhodesian and Canadian fibres. As a result of tests recently

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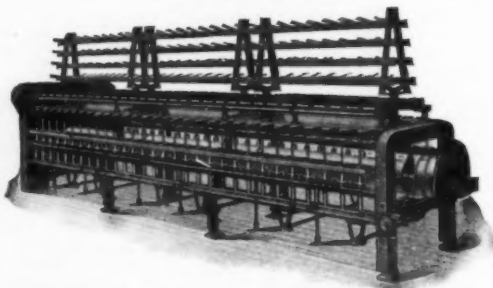
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Those who were interested in the article "Utopia" which appeared in December "ASBESTOS," should read "The Salesman Pays the Wages" published by the magazine "Business"—January issue.

Curiously enough it describes the practical working out by the Consolidated Textile Corporation (cottons) of a plan very similar to the one described in "Utopia."

Here's a suggestion:

A gentleman wrote us from Germany recently that he enjoyed reading ASBESTOS, but on account of the exchange could not afford to subscribe.

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PATENTS

On November 20th, No. 1,474,559, on Heat Insulating Material by Herbert M. Smith, Great Barrington, Mass., assignor to Stanley Insulating Company, Great Barrington, Mass. Filed September 30, 1918, Serial No. 256,286. Described as a finely divided heat insulating material comprising a mixture of gas absorbing material and an inert material with the latter preponderating in the proportion of about seven to one.



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